

Remarks

Claims 46-53 were pending. Claim 46 is amended. Claim 47 is cancelled. Claims 48-53 are as previously presented. Claim 54 is new. The application now contains claims 46 and 48-54.

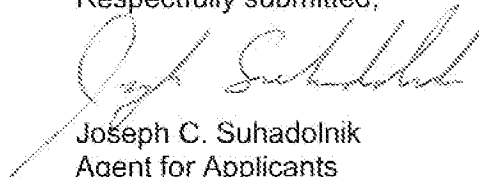
Claims 46 is amended to expressly exclude from the distillation combination the presence of an inert solvent which boils at a temperature higher than that of the diisocyanate monomer by deleting the word "essentially" from between "consisting" and "of" in line 6 and by replacing "at least one" with the equivalent phrase "one or more" to be clear that any solvent present has the boiling characteristics defined and no other solvents are present. Claim 54 is supported by the specification on page 14 lines 15-19. No new matter is added.

Rejections

Claims 46-53 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as anticipated by Rosenberg, US 5,703,193. Applicants thank the Examiner for his time in discussing the claim language in the phone conversation of June 24, 2010 as described in the Interview Summary.

Applicants respectfully submit that the amended claim language specifies that the distillation mixture consists only of the identified inert solvent, the products and by products formed when diphenylmethane diisocyanate is reacted with a diol, any left over starting materials of that reaction and excludes any solvents with a boiling point higher than the diisocyanate as required by Rosenberg. Applicants therefore respectfully submit that the present rejections under 35 USC 102(b) are addressed and are overcome and kindly ask that the rejections be withdrawn and that claims 46 and 48-54 be found allowable. In the event that minor amendments will further prosecution, Applicants request that the Examiner contact the undersigned representative.

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